

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
January 10, 2018 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:35 with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2018 annual notice posted in the Borough Hall. Copies have been mailed to THE RECORD, NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS, and the NORTH JERSEY SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

Roll Call: Peter Ardito-present Genevieve Tarino-absent
 Mary Ann Schran-present Laura Fitzgerald-absent
 Anne Lander-present Theresa Hazelton-present
 Meredith Budinich -present

Election of Officers and Professionals for 2018

Chair: Anne nominated Peter, second Theresa. All in favor. Carried.

Vice Chair: Peter nominated Theresa, second Mary Ann. All in favor. Carried.

Clerk: Per town reorganization. Peter nominated Marti Francis, second Theresa. All in favor. Carried.

Theresa moved to close the reorganization meeting, second Meredith. All in favor. Carried.

Regular Meeting

Roll Call: Peter Ardito-present Genevieve Tarino-present via Skype
 Mary Ann Schran-present Laura Fitzgerald-absent
 Anne Lander-present Theresa Hazelton-present
 Meredith Budinich -present

Minutes of December 6, 2017: Theresa moved to adopt the minutes, second Anne. All in favor. Carried.

Peter shared an article about how the Closter Nature Center built a bridge with a grant. Also, legally Miele has to collect the recyclables every week.

Green Team Portion of Meeting Sustainable Jersey deadline is June 4. On February 7 there is a class about the easier actions; on February 3, there is a climate change seminar at Rutgers. The rain garden is planned to happen at Allegro. Perhaps Club 60, SOPE, and the HP Garden Club could help dig and plant

the pollinator garden. Peter will talk to Ann Bistriz about outside water; the Garden Club should be told about this garden. Anne will try to speak to the president. We will plant trees this spring.

Theresa had to leave at 8:47.

There is an action for tree planting.

The Climate Reality Project: This organization gives talks about the climate. People can become certified to present.

Perhaps we can get someone to talk about deer (but Mayor and Council should be consulted first). There is an animals in the community project. Perhaps we can have an education night; April?

The newsletter is due 1/18. Include information about the rain garden and shred day.

Old Business Genevieve and Peter have been working on fundraising for pollinator garden. She distributed a pamphlet she created. She has started talking to organizations.

We will ask Laura to talk to the Mayor and Council about the role of advisories and advising the community.

The Lynn Street subdivision has been approved by the Planning Board.

Peter will speak to KJ about the new trash/recyclable cans and dog-refuse stations. We will need 5 trash/recycling cans (\$3,000 total) and 4 dog stations (\$860).

Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting February 7, 2018. Mary Ann moved to adjourn, second Anne. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.